## **CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**



## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** February 22, 2012

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Community Recognition of Volunteers and Supporters of

Neighborhood and Outreach Services Annual Holiday Dinner

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission recognize volunteers and supporters of the Neighborhood and Outreach Services Annual Holiday Dinner.

**DISCUSSION:** Neighborhood and Outreach Services relies on the generosity and energy of our supporters to provide many services and special events for our low-income community. This year's Annual Holiday Dinner was no exception and thanks to the continued support of these volunteers and supporters, over, 80 low-income families participated the Annual Holiday Dinner that took place on December 15, 2012. Families enjoyed a very delicious pozole dinner, and the children were pleasantly surprised with gifts from the Unity Shoppe and a special visit from Santa Claus. This was an especially memorable experience for all the children.

It is with tremendous gratitude that the Parks and Recreation Department recognizes the financial and in-kind support from the Santa Barbara Moose Lodge, Santa Cruz Market, Mission Linen, Santa Barbara Home Improvement Center, Goleta Home Improvement Center, Skate One, Bici-Centro, and the Unity Shoppe, as well as, the volunteerism of Enmanuel Florian, Norma Marez, Armando Ortiz, Estela Zepeda, Alma Ortega, Marta Alvarado, Violeta Marez, Silvestre Escobedo, Pilar Gomez, and Mario Reyes.

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